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THE SAME OLD GAME.

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SAME THING.

DAUGHTER.—If I can't have Percy Pinkhedd for a husband, I want nobody!

FATHER.—Well, what's the difference?

A VISION OF PROGRESS.



H! when will come the happy day
When wars will cease;
When land and sea will own the sway
Of white-robed Peace?
Forsooth! when every man can shoot
And make bulls'-eyes
At any range; then will be mute
War's clarion cries.
Forever mute; for, if men shot
With aim so straight,
They'd never, never fight, I wot;
They'd arbitrate.

A DEFINITION.

LITTLE MIKE (*who has an inquiring mind*).—Foder, phwot is a autograph?

MC LUBBERTY (*promptly*).—Autograph, is ut? Sure, thot's phwot they wroite on yure tombstone whin yez are run over by wan av thim dommed harseless carriages!

NOT HIS INTENTION.

FRIEND.—I read your magazine article on the campaign issues.

THE STATESMAN.—Did you? I trust I did not make myself clear!

NOT INTENTIONAL.

MRS. CATNIP.—There, now! What'd you want to go and fall downstairs for?

LITTLE AMOS.—I did n't want to, Maw; I could n't help it.

HE GIVES HER ONE.

SHE.—Where can I find a short statement of the objections to free silver?

HE.—Why, it would make dry goods go up.

HIS CHOICE OF BOSSES.

FIRST CITIZEN.—You support Platt and yet you say you don't like one-man power.

SECOND CITIZEN.—Yes; but I'm afraid of the-other-man power.

WHEN THE European Powers go out on a concert tour they find that their China bookings pay the best.

WE ARE a glorious sisterhood of states, with Sister Ohio getting the bulk of the pretty new things.

THE "Cape to Cairo" railroad promises to be the most costly line on the globe.



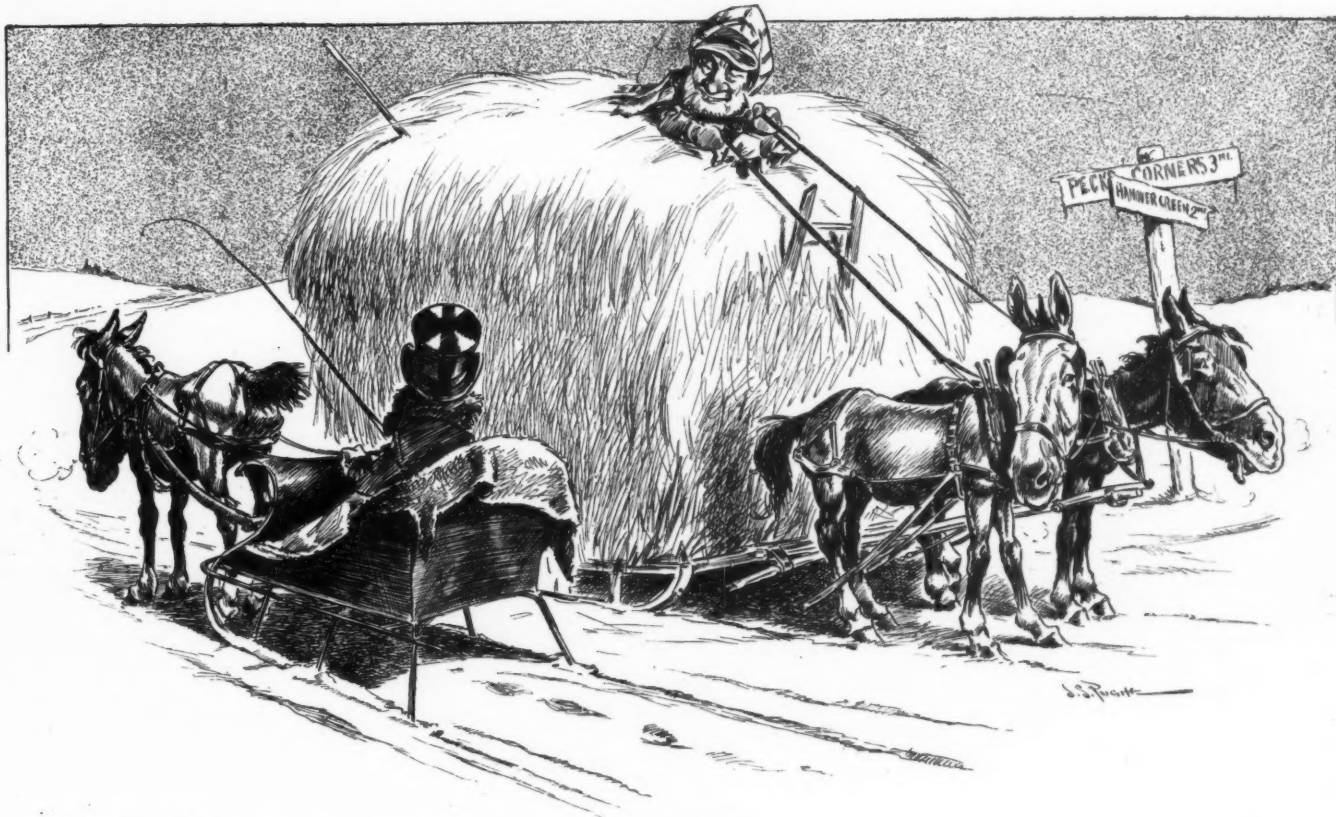
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HOW TO EFFECT A CHANGE.

MAGISTRATE.—I think thou art the same man I let off last week.

PRISONER.—But if Your Worship will let me off again I will feel like a different man!

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A REFLECTION.

THE FARMER.—Yes; I had a talk with the new Congressman.

ACQUAINTANCE.—What do you think of him?

FARMER.—Well, I reckon some fellers that could n't make bunco-steerin' pay must have gone into politics.

THE TROUBLE IN UTOPIA.

IT DOES N'T matter just how it came about, but the inhabitants of Utopia agreed unanimously that all wealth should be equally divided. It does n't matter, either, how they managed to carry out their project. They did it and each inhabitant found himself worth one hundred and three thousand five hundred and forty dollars and some odd cents. Now, a man of quiet tastes can live on that amount of money without working; and most of the inhabitants were people of quiet tastes who did n't like work any more than you and I do. So a great many of them determined to live on their money in ease and comfort.

On the very day of the distribution, the Utopian Capitalist lost his cook. She was just as well satisfied with a hundred thousand dollars as he was, and she resigned to live in ease and comfort. The Capitalist made his own fire the morning after the distribution. His children went to the butcher's, the baker's, and the grocer's, but found that those worthy tradesmen had retired from business; they, also, being quite satisfied with a hundred thousand dollars. But for this awkward circumstance, the Capitalist would have had something to eat that morning. And it is quite probable that he would have purchased at least three new suits of clothes if his tailor had not decided to renounce tailoring to enjoy his newly-acquired wealth. For reasons, which it is unnecessary to enumerate, the Utopian Capitalist decided to postpone an in-

tended purchase of new furniture, and he missed a number of theatrical attractions to which he had confidently looked forward.

The Capitalist concluded that while it is not, from every point of view, a good thing to be satisfied, still we have the consolation of knowing that it will not last long.

And yet, the moral is not that "whatever is, is right."

A SOLUTION.

HE.—I wonder why it is that married women are so much more interesting than single ones?

SHE.—Probably because they have learned how to conceal their opinion of men.

CANDOR.

Here the Candid Lady drew near to the Floor Walker.

"I have kleptomania," she said. "What would you advise me to take for it?"

INJUSTICE.

PALETTE (who has been trying to do a picture of the devil).—Do you think that is a good conception, old man?

BRUSH.—I don't believe he is as bad as he is painted.

CROSSED.

The woman wrung her hands hysterically.

"I have crossed the rubicund!" she cried.

The man, her husband, stood aghast.

"The red-faced cook, you know!" faltered the woman, in a faint voice.

IT is always harder to lose a fight that we begun ourselves.



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APPLIED SLANG.

THE RAT (breathlessly).—Goodness! here comes a cat! I suppose the lunch is on me.

A BRITISH RECONNOISSANCE.



"MY LORD," said one of the officers in the war balloon, "you don't observe any traps, do you?"
 "Traps?" said his lordship, the captain, gazing around him in the circumambient air. "No; I'm sure there are no traps up here!"
 They descended and reported to the general in command, who soon afterward found that the simplest, though not the most satisfactory way to discover a trap is to walk into it.

CONSIDERATE.

"They say he is a very careful, conscientious husband."
 "He is. Whenever he is going to be home to dinner he always lets his wife know beforehand."

AN APOSTATE.

FIRST POPULIST.—Old man Winds says last year was one of the most prosperous he ever had.
 SECOND POPULIST.—He does? The old hypocrite! And only a year ago he was pertendin' ter have the interests of the people ter heart!

AT THE RECITAL.

FIRST PHILISTINE.—What is a "movement," anyway?
 SECOND PHILISTINE.—Anywhere from twenty to sixty contortions, I should judge.



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HOW IT LOOKED.

EDITH.—The Duke of Peekaboo is about to wed.
 ETHEL.—Heiress or actress?
 EDITH.—It says he is to be married in England.
 ETHEL.—Then it must be an actress!

THE CONVENTIONAL.

"You are one hundred and thirty-eight years old and have voted in every Presidential election!" repeated the freak editor, writing furiously, while joy radiated from his every lineament.

"Yes; but—"
 The editor's pencil dropped from his nerveless fingers.
 "Do you mean to say that you have n't voted the Republican ticket ever since the Republican party was founded?"

The old man did not answer. He merely hid his face in his hands and slunk away.

There are certain conventionalities which even a freak may not ignore with impunity.

HER OBJECTION.

HE.—This story will make your hair stand on end.

SHE.—I hope not. I should look such a fright!

BURROWS HAD FORGOTTEN.

BURROWS.—Jenkins has a wonderful memory.

BIGGAR.—He has?

BURROWS.—It's stupendous! Why, to-day he reminded me of five dollars I borrowed from him over two years ago!



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SOME EFFORT REQUIRED.

BEGGAR.—I am waiting for a job to turn up, sir!
 COHENSTEIN.—Och! you loafer! A peesness-man might as vell sit still undt wait for a fire to turn up!

THE GOOSE THAT SHOULD LAY THE GOLDEN EGG.

"But," said the citizen of South America, "what safeguards have you against the possibility of a revolution? What is to hinder the majority of your people from some day rising and overthrowing the government?"

"Humph!" sneered the tourist from the United States; "the majority of our citizens have been promised, and are awaiting, a government position."

REVERSED.

"What! eighty years of age, and in love?"
 "Yes; you know he is old enough not to know better."

HARVEST TIME.

"They say that Sadie Caperly, the star, has saved up a lot of money."

"Well, you know, for the past year she has been a husbandless actress."



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PUCKOGRAPHS. — XXXVIII.

ONCE A STATESMAN; — NOW A YELLOW JOURNALIST.



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INSTRUCTION INCOMPLETE.

"Why, I done hab showed yo' how to play all de games I know!"
"No, yo did n't, Auntie! Yo' nebbah showed me how to play polley!"



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AN IRISH PREROGATIVE.

CASSIDY (reading).—Th' devil! Rooshia, France, Garminy, Austria and Italy are going to pitch in and lick England!

COSTIGAN.—They hod better attind to their own dom business and let the Oirish attind to theirs!

GOLF.

"Then you did n't loft him to the seventh heaven of bliss?"

"No; I sliced him!" replied the other golf girl.

Anyway, it was apparent that the fellow was quite cut up.

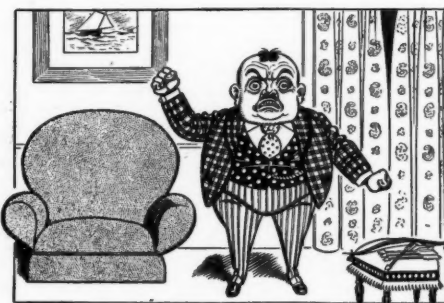
REMEMBER THAT when you throw bouquets at yourself the audience sees where they come from, as well as where they go.

HITTING THE BULL'S-EYE; OR, HOW UNCLE BOB ABATED A NUISANCE.

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I.
WILLY LIPP.—Naw, I ain't goin' t' stop beatin' th' drum. Did n't Pop give it to me for Christmas?



II.
UNCLE BOB.—I never saw such an impudent boy! But, I must get rid of that drum!



III.
"Yes; and here are his bow and arrows; something to put people's eyes out with. He had the audacity to ask me to make him a target. Eh! A target! By Jove! through that target I think I can get rid of both drum and bow and arrows!"



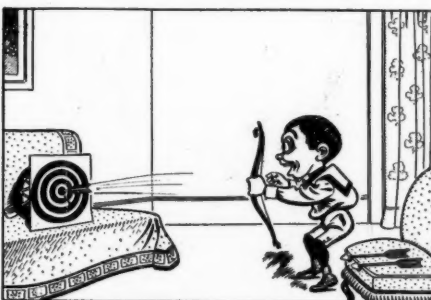
IV.
"There! a beautiful target painted on a sheet of wrapping-paper!"



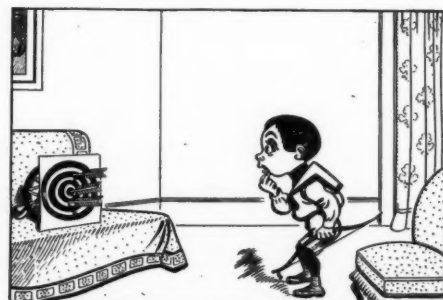
V.
"Now, I will place the target right in front of the head of the drum. Willy with his little bow and arrow won't do a thing when he spies that target."



VI.
WILLY.—Oh, cracky! Just see what a boss target Uncle Bob's made me. Say! I guess I'll take a shot at dat bull's-eye!



VII.
"Hoo! A bull's-eye de first shot!"



VIII.
"Hully Gee! Two more right on de first circle. But, say, what's back of dat target what makes a sound every time de errer hits? I'd better look dat up!"

NOT QUITE PREPARED FOR IT.

FIRST POPULIST.—What we want is an elastic circulatin' mejum.

SECOND POPULIST.—Well—er—um—I don't quite see how we could coin inja-rubber.

SKIRTS.

The reform element was, for the nonce, plainly in the political ascendancy in Dahomey, and the king had no alternative to yielding to their demand that the Amazons wear skirts. The royal mandate issued accordingly.

As for the Amazons, they stood aghast.

"We shall certainly be taken for Gordon Highlanders!" protested these choice troops, in the utmost consternation.

PROSPERITY.

FIRST DOG.—Barker is getting up in the world, is n't he?

SECOND DOG.—Yes, indeed! He has everything the heart of a dog could wish, except a pedigree.

HIS NATURAL INFERENCE.

"By heck, Bill!" heartily ejaculated an Arkansaw citizen, who had been absent from his native village for a few weeks. "I'm glad to git home again! How's everything? That reminds me; when I went away Hank Lazzenberry and Jack Fagg was sorter squabblin' over the ownership of a coon-dog."

"Aw, that was settled a right smart spell ago!" replied his friend, who had staid at home.

"That so? Which got killed?"

SHE EXPLAINS.

BESSIE.—I don't believe that scandal about Mrs. Gayleigh.

FLORA.—Then why did you tell me about it?

BESSIE.—I was in hopes that you could confirm it.

A GIRL OF sixteen can say "all my life" in a more impressive way than can a man of eighty.



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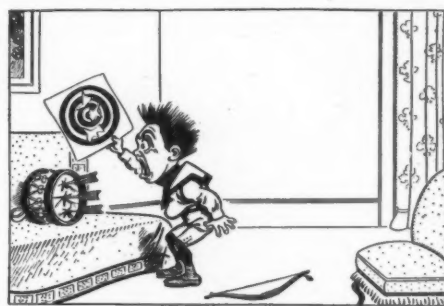
REPUBLICAN "HE COULD N'T stand prosperity!" has been the GRAND apposite comment on many a good man's LARCENY. failure. With a trifle more of the predatory policy back of the Hanna-Payne ship-bill, it will make a choice epitaph for the present Republican administration. Here is a specimen of Trust legislation which is quite everything that the wildest Bryanite in his wildest moment ever alleged against the party in power. Why is a ship-builder entitled to bounties over a house-builder or a farmer, a merchant, or a plain, every-day laborer? And why, especially, when our merchant marine already has more than it can do, when the excess of export trade must of itself act to produce more American ships — when there is more natural and legitimate demand for the labor of ship-building, in short, than there is for almost any of the other kinds of labor that have to worry along without bounties? That is the absurd side of it. The vicious side is that the bill, in addition to giving \$9,000,000 a year of the people's money for twenty years to ship-builders, has plain, ugly, Government-nursed monopoly for its purpose. The right under this bill to contract for the twenty-year bounty will expire in ten years. During the ten years ship-builders will have the privilege of contracting to receive the bounty for twenty years from the date of contract. The man who would begin building ships ten years from now, therefore, would be at the mercy of a bounty-fed, monopolistic Trust, which would be sure of its privileges for twenty years. There is a specimen of Trust legislation, flagrant and vicious. We do not think that William McKinley, good servant of the people as he has been, is so firmly entrenched in their affections that he can afford to sign it if it be passed.

A VEXED QUESTION. IT is fashionable in press and pulpit just now to lament the prevalence of divorce. Social chaos is predicted from it—the decay of family life, of personal morality and of social stability. But do the facts really warrant this direful reading of them? We are inclined to think it would be as logical to predict the bodily dismembering of all individuals because now and then a leg or an

"Think I seen Russell Sage, the second day I was up to the city," said Aaron Allred, who had just returned from his first visit to the metropolis. "Did ye?" inquired Josh Honk. "How 'd he look?"

"Aw, little old feller, pokin' in ash-barrels an' gutters with an elephant-hook, lookin' for money an' such like!"

PERHAPS THE controversy between the Protectionist and the Free Trader will not be finally settled until we annex the rest of the world and make all foreign markets home markets.



IX.

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"It is reported that England and Germany are negotiating a secret deal."
 "What is the nature of it?"
 "They say England has offered to trade two islands for a strategist."

GRACE.—And is he really connected with the British nobility?

MAY.—He says he is. He claims that he has three cousins at Pretoria.



X.
WILLY'S MOTHER (*rushing into the room*).—*What! Been shooting arrows into your new drum? Don't tell me! Can't I see? Now, I'll fix you!*



XI.

"You destructive, bad boy! I'll teach you! No more drums! no more bow and arrows for you, I'll wager!"



XII.

UNCLE BOB.—Never mind, Willy, be a good boy to Uncle Bob and next Spring I'll take you to the circus!



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DIVORCE THE LI

THE CHURCH.— Stop this awful immorality !

PUCK.



THE LESSER EVIL.

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EXTRACTS FROM A CONGRESSMAN'S CONSCIENCE.

AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN.

"POLITICS is rotten to the core; and the Wrongs of the Oppressed cry aloud to heaven. But there is no hope."

AS A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE.

"Politics is rotten to the core; but if a few men of incorruptible integrity were to be elected to office the Wrongs of the Oppressed might be righted."

AS A NOMINEE.

"Politics is rotten to the core, and even the man who has the Wrongs of the Oppressed always at heart and upon his tongue must pay for his election."

AS A CONGRESSMAN-ELECT.

"At last politics is less rotten by one honest man who will wage unceasing war to right the Wrongs of the Oppressed. But what a crimp the boys did throw into my bank-roll!"

1ST WEEK IN CONGRESS.

"The rottenness of politics is appalling. Mentioned the Wrongs of the Oppressed in one of the cloak-rooms of the House to-day and noticed a smile on the faces of all the old members."

2ND WEEK.

"I see a chance to right the Wrongs of the Oppressed. The notorious Universal Control Company, the new syndicate of all the Trusts, has a bill up, and what a warm wallop I am writing against it!"

3D WEEK.

"Great Scott! what it does cost to live in Washington! Rent alone \$1,700. I see the early finish of my \$5,000 per. An emissary of the Universal Control Company hinted an infamous proposition to me to-day."

4TH WEEK.

"Politics is rotten but interesting. Wonder where all these fellows get their money? Went last night to a swell stag-dinner given by the Universal Control man. Some regular tobasco-sauce vaudeville turns between the courses. Hope my constituents won't get on."

5TH WEEK.

"Mark, himself, has been to see me about that bill. A man really ought to look at both sides of a question and stay by the Grand Old Party, if possible."

6TH WEEK.

"Ye Gods! it does cost to live in Washington! I seem to be about the only lobster in my set. I don't hear any of the others worrying about money. They're all going to boost that bill, by the way. Politics is —"

7TH WEEK.

"I'm afraid the Wrongs of the Oppressed are largely imaginary. Say! what Washington life does to \$5,000 a year is a sin and a shame! That Universal Control man seems to be a very nice sort of a fellow."

8TH WEEK.

"No man can live on his Congressional salary. Wish my constituents would n't be so impatient. It takes time to right the Wrongs of the Oppressed. Am almost convinced the Universal Control Company would prove their real benefactors in the end."



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KNEW ONLY ONE "FORCE."

MRS. O'NEIL.—Whisht! Me son Danny has gone t' jine th' Boer force at Pratory.

MRS. DUGAN.—Bedad! Oi 'll bet he 'll be a roundsman insoide av a year!

9TH WEEK.

"Whatever I am, I am not cheap. Shall battle against the infamous Universal Control Company to the bitter end. The Wrongs of the Oppressed must be righted."

10TH WEEK.

"Voted for the Universal Control bill, after all. Think it will be for the real good of the downtrodden. Set up a stable and wired my wife to come on and open her social campaign. Guess I will manage to meet the expense. Did not deliver my ringing speech against the bill, but have had it printed in the *Congressional Record* and sent a marked copy to the *Back Home Banner*. Universal Control Company composed of very nice gentlemen."

NEAR THE TERM'S END.

"Politics is all right after you once learn the rules of the game. Washington is the only place of residence and living is comparatively cheap, too, considering. By the way, I must begin to get together some more of that old salve about the Wrongs of the Oppressed. I want to come back."

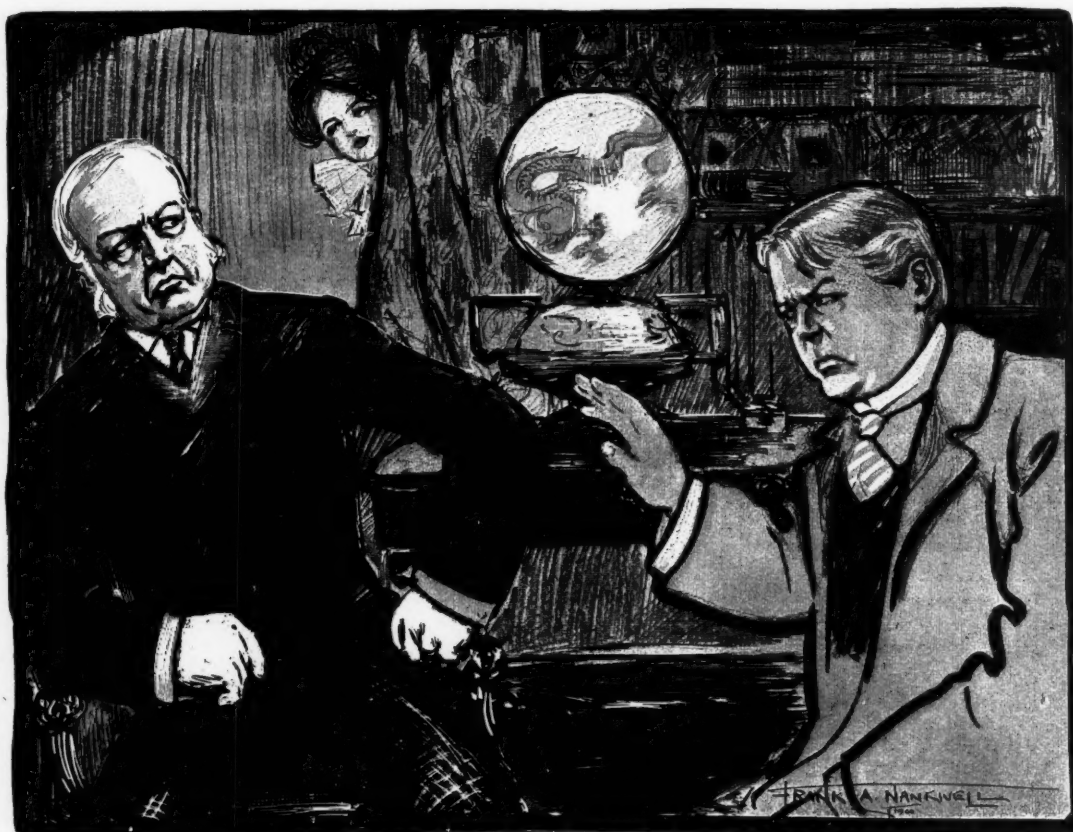
Chester Randolph.

HIS PLAN.

ISAACS.—I wish you could get my poy, Ikey, a bosition of some kind.

COHENSTEIN.—I don't know of anyt'ing schoost now.

ISAACS.—It'ought you might get some of your frendts to speak to der assignees.



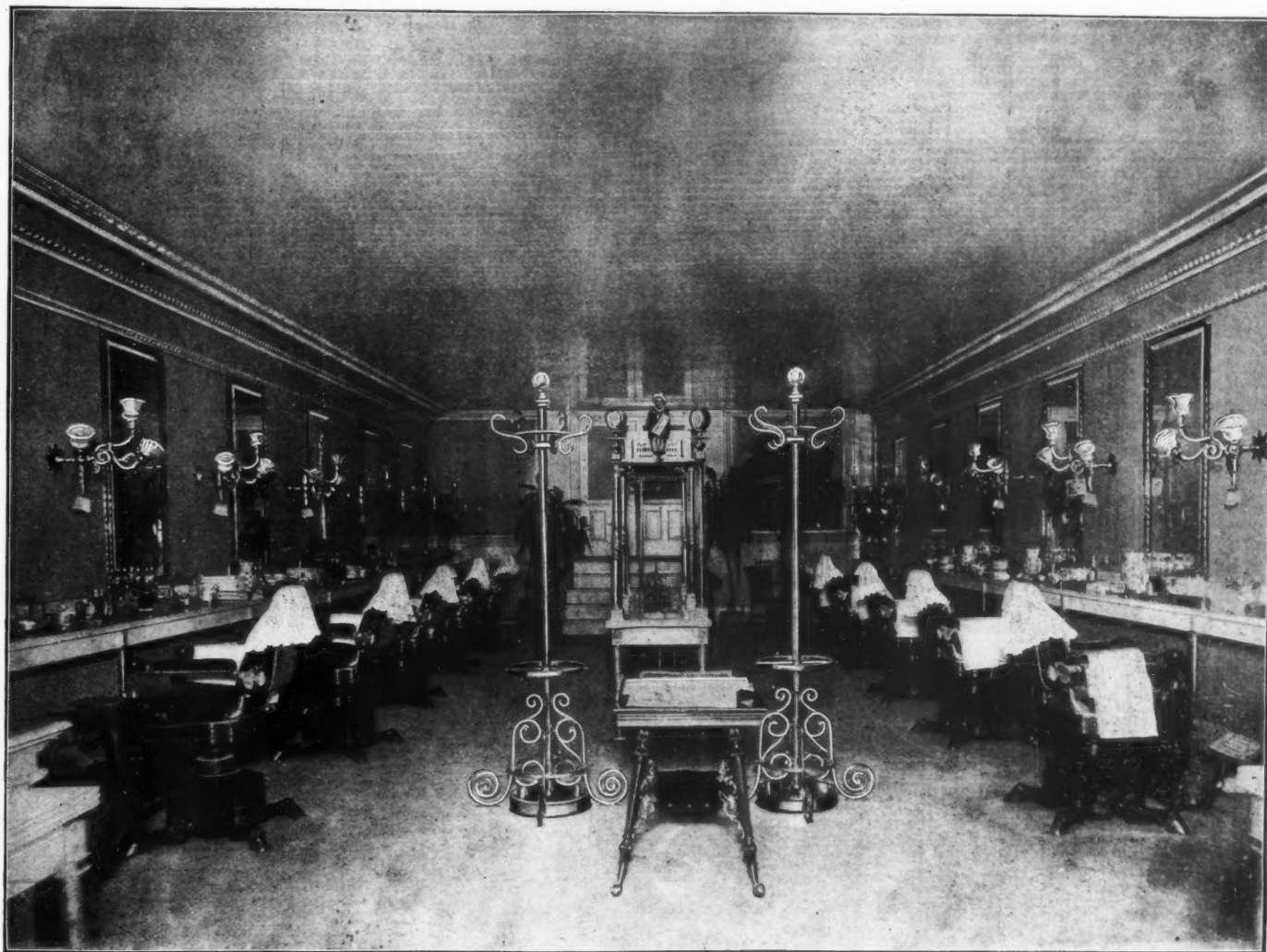
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A BUSINESS PRINCIPLE.

MR. GOTROX.—So you want my daughter, eh? Do you drink?

BOB BLUFFER.—Not while I'm doing business! Let that go till later!

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to be
Running parallel with the button-
hole;

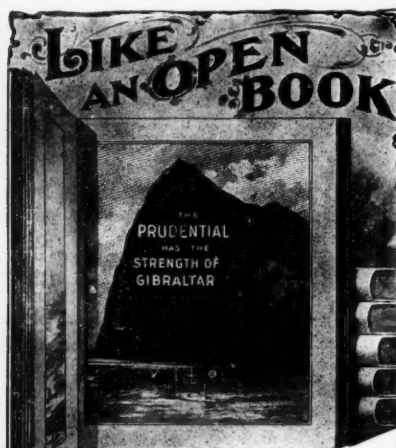
SIDE VIEW

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END VIEW

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the desire of all. Serve
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pagne Extra Dry to
your caller and your
reputation will be estab-
lished.

A SURE THING.

SPARKLE.—Your
sister is wearing one
of Miss Pinkie's rings;
I wish you'd get it for
me. I want to take the
measure. Going to
buy an engagement
ring, you know.

BARKLE.—Eh?
Has Miss Pinkie ac-
cepted you?

SPARKLE.—She
will, when I propose.
Last night she asked
me how I liked her
mother. — *New York*
Weekly.

EVERYONE is at
least this mean: if he
pays tax on his dog,
he wants other people
to pay on their dogs.
— *Atchison Globe.*

— WISDOM —

W.W.W.
(THREE W'S)

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WISE, BE CAREFUL
WHERE WHEN WHAT
YOU DRINK.

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THE MAN BEHIND
THE MUD.

"These civilized
nations are continu-
ally inventing some
new and terrible war
machine," remarked
the Filipino officer.

"Yes," answered
his superior; "but I
have a great deal of
confidence in our pres-
ent position. I have
n't heard of any inten-
tion to send any ar-
mored dredging ma-
chines after us." —
Washington Star.

The most important
preparation to make
in going to a health
resort, is to learn how
to play poker. — *At-
chison Globe.*

If you ask

for "a bottle of ale" and get
four fingers of ale and two
inches of sediment in a glass-
ful, don't kick—it's in the ale.

If you want

a good, long drink, one that
you can enjoy to the last drop
in the bottle

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and sediment and the only
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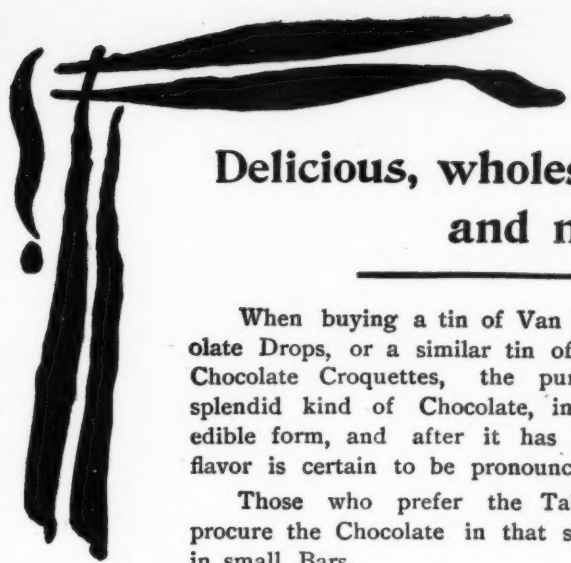
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or a refreshing beverage for
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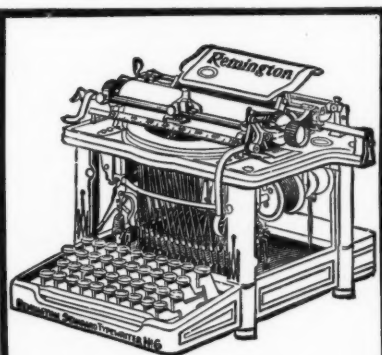
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MRS. BINGO.—You forgot she has a baby.

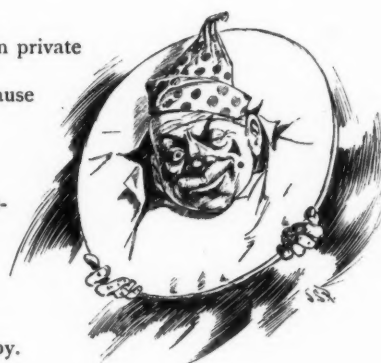
THE PROBABLE REASON.

MRS. HORNBEAK (*in the midst of her reading*).—Ezry, why do the heathen rage?

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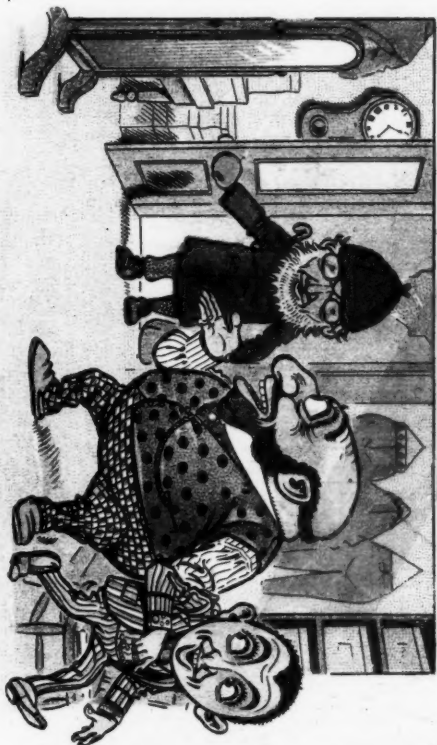
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Mr. Isaacs.—And you want a fine silk hat. Ah! you look schneest like dot Brinck of Vales. (aside). Oh! dis vas too easy!
Mr. Hardacker (aside).—Now I'm ready to begin on him.



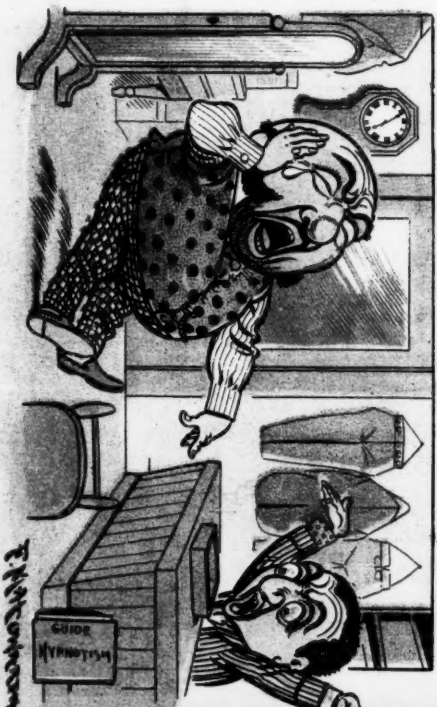
(Making the hypnotic passes: immediately transferring Isaacs and handing him a piece of paper).—Now you want your money, I suppose? Here is a hundred-dollar-bill. Give me the change.



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Mr. Isaacs (as he awakes).—Vat! Dere vas no hundred-dollar-bill in der drawer? Four ten-dollar-bills missin'? Oh, mein sufferin' pebble! Dot feller vas a hypnotist himself! Ikey, Ikey! putz dot book!

FIRE AGAINST FIRE; OR, HOW AN AMATEUR HYPNOTIST CAME TO GRIEF.

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